

GOVERNMENT CODE

TITLE 4. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SUBTITLE B. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

This Chapter 424, consisting of Secs. 424.001 to 424.008, was added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 863 (H.B. [2945](#)), Sec. 2.

See also another Chapter 424, consisting of Secs. 424.001 to 424.105, as added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1297 (H.B. [3557](#)), Sec. 2.

CHAPTER 424. PAYMENT FRAUD FUSION CENTER

The following section was amended by the 87th Legislature. Pending publication of the current statutes, see H.B. [2106](#) and H.B. [3607](#), 87th Legislature, Regular Session, for amendments affecting the following section.

Sec. 424.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Center" means the payment fraud fusion center established under this chapter.

(2) "Payment card" has the meaning assigned by Section [522.001](#), Business & Commerce Code.

(3) "Payment fraud" means a fraudulent payment transaction made by the unauthorized use of a payment card or other electronic means.

(4) "Skimmer" means a wire or electronic device that is capable of unlawfully intercepting electronic communications or data to perpetrate fraud. The term includes a re-encoder and scanning device, as those terms are defined by Section [522.001](#), Business & Commerce Code.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 863 (H.B. [2945](#)), Sec. 2, eff. September 1, 2019.

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Sec. 424.002. PAYMENT FRAUD FUSION CENTER ESTABLISHED.

(a) Law enforcement agencies or other governmental agencies designated by the attorney general may collaborate with the

attorney general to establish a payment fraud fusion center.

(b) The attorney general shall establish the center in the City of Tyler.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 863 (H.B. 2945), Sec. 2, eff. September 1, 2019.

The following section was amended by the 87th Legislature. Pending publication of the current statutes, see H.B. 2106 and H.B. 3607, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, for amendments affecting the following section.

Sec. 424.003. PURPOSE OF CENTER. (a) The center serves as the state's primary entity for the planning, coordination, and integration of the capabilities of law enforcement agencies and other governmental agencies to respond to criminal activity that is related to payment fraud, including through the use of skimmers.

(b) The purpose of the center is to maximize the ability of law enforcement agencies and other governmental agencies to detect, prevent, and respond to criminal activities related to payment fraud.

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Sec. 424.004. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The center may collaborate with federal agencies for the performance of the center's duties and to accomplish the purpose of the center.

(b) The center shall assist law enforcement agencies and other governmental agencies and merchants in their efforts to develop and implement strategies to:

(1) detect skimmers;

(2) ensure an effective response if a skimmer is found; and

(3) prevent payment fraud.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 863 (H.B. 2945), Sec. 2,

eff. September 1, 2019.

The following section was amended by the 87th Legislature. Pending publication of the current statutes, see H.B. [2106](#) and H.B. [3607](#), 87th Legislature, Regular Session, for amendments affecting the following section.

Sec. 424.005. DIRECTOR. (a) The attorney general shall appoint a director to supervise and manage the center.

(b) The director is under the supervision and direction of the attorney general.

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The following section was amended by the 87th Legislature. Pending publication of the current statutes, see H.B. [2106](#) and H.B. [3607](#), 87th Legislature, Regular Session, for amendments affecting the following section.

Sec. 424.006. RULES. The attorney general by rule shall adopt reasonable policies and procedures necessary to implement this chapter.

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The following section was amended by the 87th Legislature. Pending publication of the current statutes, see H.B. [2106](#) and H.B. [3607](#), 87th Legislature, Regular Session, for amendments affecting the following section.

Sec. 424.007. FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. A municipality's police department may provide facilities and administrative support to a payment fraud fusion center established in the municipality.

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The following section was amended by the 87th Legislature. Pending publication of the current statutes, see H.B. [2106](#) and H.B. [3607](#), 87th Legislature, Regular Session, for amendments affecting the

following section.

Sec. 424.008. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The payment fraud fusion center may accept gifts, grants, and donations to carry out the purpose of the center.

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